

RESOURCES

California State Senate
senate.ca.gov

Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
gov.ca.gov

Governor Brown's 2016 Executive Order
gov.ca.gov/docs/5.9.16_Executive_Order.pdf

California Department of Water Resources
water.ca.gov

California Irrigation Management Information System
Information to assist irrigators in managing their water resources more efficiently. www.cimis.water.ca.gov

California Drought
Learn about the actions being taken to manage water supplies and how to respond to the impacts of the drought. drought.ca.gov

California State Water Resources Control Board
waterboards.ca.gov

Save Our Water
Water saving tips and information. Locate your local water agency. saveourwater.com

Information on turf and toilet replacement rebates.
saveourwaterrebates.com



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WATER CONSERVATION IN CALIFORNIA



Water Conservation in California Continues as Drought Persists

Despite recent rains, California's long drought is not yet over. Even though current water storage in the state's major reservoirs has increased dramatically, the groundwater levels in many areas of the state have continued to drop. In response to the differing water supply conditions throughout California, the Governor has issued an Executive Order directing the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust and extend its emergency water conservation regulations.

The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted a revised statewide water conservation approach replacing the prior percentage reduction-based water conservation standard. The revised regulation will be effective through January 2017 and will require locally developed conservation standards based upon each agency's specific circumstances.

These standards require local water agencies to ensure a three-year supply assuming three more dry years like the ones the state experienced from 2012 to 2015. Water agencies that would face shortages under three additional dry years will be required to meet a conservation standard equal to the amount of shortage.

To learn about all the actions taken by the state and by the California Legislature to address the impacts of the drought, visit the websites in the Resources section of this brochure. Become informed and learn how you can do your part.

Here are some water-saving tips suggested by the California Department of Water Resources and some of the required prohibitions found in the Emergency Conservation Regulation.

OUTDOORS - TIPS

- ✓ Check for and fix leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and pool equipment.
- ✓ Plant drought-resistant lawns, shrubs and plants.
- ✓ Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants and add organic material to your soil.
- ✓ Don't water the gutter – adjust your sprinklers.
- ✓ Water at night or early morning and only when your landscaping needs it.
- ✓ Cover swimming pools to reduce evaporation.

OUTDOORS - PROHIBITED FOR EVERYONE

- ✓ Allowing runoff of potable water is prohibited.
 - Use an automatic shut-off nozzle when washing cars.
 - Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- ✓ Watering during and 48 hours following measurable rainfall.
- ✓ Using potable water in decorative non-recirculating water features.
- ✓ Irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians.
- ✓ Irrigation of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes or buildings.

INDOORS - TIPS

- ✓ Check for and fix leaky faucets and pipes.
- ✓ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- ✓ Check your toilets for leaks.
- ✓ Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.
- ✓ Insulate your water pipes to get hot water faster.
- ✓ Take shorter showers.
- ✓ Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth and shaving.
- ✓ Use the dishwasher and clothes washer with full loads only.

- ✓ Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposals.
- ✓ Don't let the faucet run while cleaning fruits and vegetables.

LONG-TERM ACTIONS

- ✓ Replace water-using appliances with high-efficiency Energy Star models to save energy and use less water.
- ✓ Replace inefficient sprinklers with efficient water-saving equipment.
- ✓ Request a free landscape audit from your local water supplier.
- ✓ Re-landscape with drought tolerant plants where lawn is not needed.
- ✓ Learn more about Turf and Toilet Replacement Rebates.
- ✓ Contact the California Irrigation Management Information System to get help planning an irrigation schedule for your orchards and crops.

